

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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AMBROSE, Christine et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1647
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Serial No.: 10/550,961)	Examiner: Bridget E. Bunner
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Filed: May 17, 2006)	Confirmation No.: 1436
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For: TRUNCATED BAFF RECEPTORS)	
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 27, 2008, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372, between the following:

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| Group I: | Claims 1-45, drawn to a non-naturally occurring BAFF-R glycoprotein, a nucleic acid encoding the BAFF-R glycoprotein, and method for producing the BAFF-R glycoprotein; or |
| Group II: | Claims 46-47, drawn to a BAFF-R polypeptide comprising amino acids 14 to 56 of SEQ ID NO:1 having mutations at amino acids 50, 51, and 56 of SEQ ID NO:1. |

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-45, drawn to a non-naturally occurring BAFF-R glycoprotein, a nucleic acid encoding the BAFF-R glycoprotein, and method for producing the BAFF-R glycoprotein.

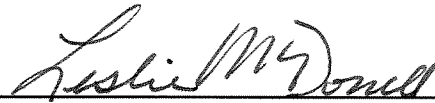
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: July 24, 2008

By: _____

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leslie McDonell", written over a horizontal line.

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